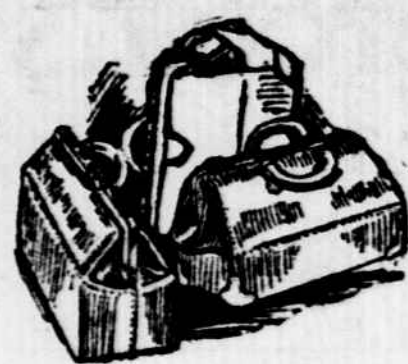


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ATTACK BY HOBSON

Conspiracy Between Hay and
Ainsworth Charged.

SPEECH STIRS THE HOUSE

Says Adjutant General Gave In-
formation, Expecting Higher Rank.

REORGANIZATION IS DISCUSSED

Chairman of Military Affairs Com-
mittee Makes Reply and Is

Loudly Applauded.

The action of the Secretary of War in
relieving Gen. F. C. Ainsworth, adjutant
general of the army, from duty under
charges that mean a court-martial for
the officer in the future course of
sensational when the news reached the
House of Representatives yesterday
afternoon. One reason for this acute in-
terest on the part of the House mem-
bership was the fact that Gen. Ainsworth
is generally credited with being the
author of the Hay plan of army reor-
ganization, which is so vigorously op-
posed by the Secretary of War, the chief
of staff and other high army officials.

The news of the action against Gen.
Ainsworth had been going the rounds of
the chamber only a few minutes when
Representative Hobson of Alabama rose
and made a bitter attack on Chairman
Hay of the military affairs committee,
hinting at a conspiracy, and charging
that Gen. Ainsworth expected to be made
a lieutenant general as a reward for
furnishing information to the committee
over the heads of his superiors. Referring
to the Hay amendment to increase the
enlistment term from three to five years,
Mr. Hobson said:

"This whole question as it is now be-
fore us comes down laden with ir-
regularities. If we were here under con-
ditions permitting time for deliberation
I would charge conspiracy. I charge
that many recommendations and docu-
ments and much of the information that
has been supplied to the committee on
military affairs have been misleading,
and that they emanated from the ad-
jutant general of the army, who expect-
ed in return for his services to be made
a lieutenant general.

Defines Alleged Conspiracy.

"If I should define the conspiracy it
would be conspiracy on the part of the
adjutant general to become a lieutenant
general by the use of irregular means
and of the chairman of the committee to
make economies and accomplish things
by the co-operation of the adjutant gen-
eral, though not with any agreement of
reward.

"I do not question the chairman of this
committee. I want to say here that I be-
lieve he is as honest as the day is long.
I want to pay a tribute to his earnest-
ness of purpose and his desire to econo-
mize and to do real things. While he is
in charge of that committee.

"But I claim that these very noble im-
pulses on the part of the chairman have
been taken advantage of by an ambitious
officer sitting at a desk, who has re-
mained at a desk continuously for twenty-
six years in Washington and has risen
from a captain in the surgeon general's
office in charge of pension records to the
position of adjutant general with rank of
major general. He has risen one step
after another by ingratiating himself in
the confidence of members of Congress
and utilizing riders upon other meas-
ures. In one measure by a rider he abo-
lished the office of adjutant general. In
another, when he was ready, he had the
same office restored. He now utilizes the
same method with the purpose of be-
coming a lieutenant general.

Irregularity Is Charged.

"I charge that the substance of the
recommendations embraced in the legis-
lative features proposed in this bill
comes from the adjutant general, and
that he has made none of these recom-
mendations through regular channels,
neither in his annual reports nor in com-
munications to the Secretary of War."

Chairman Hay immediately secured rec-
ognition from the chair. He was loudly
applauded as he advanced to the well of
the House and began to speak. It was
apparent he was very angry.

"This is not the first time," he said,
"that the gentleman from Alabama has
seen fit to attack the democratic party.
I want to say here and now that every at-
tack he has made is without foundation
in fact. The charge that a conspiracy
was entered into by the committee on
military affairs, by its chairman, or by
any one member of it, is untrue from
start to finish. Why the gentleman says
that I am honest. I would like to know
how any conspirator can be honest. And
if a conspiracy had been entered into,
both parties to that conspiracy must nec-
essarily have been dishonest. I charge
that the gentleman from Alabama says
what is not true when he says that I, or
the committee on military affairs, re-
ceived any information from the War
Department in an irregular manner or
from the adjutant general in an irregular
manner.

Calls It Insult to Committee.

"I state that every particle of infor-
mation which I received from the ad-
jutant general of the army was asked for
by me through the Secretary of War and
sent to me by the Secretary of War. To
charge that a majority of the democrats
on the committee on military affairs are
opposed to the five-year enlistment is an
insult to the democratic members of that
committee. Is it to be presumed that
the majority of that committee would by
a unanimous vote direct me to make a re-
port embodying a provision to which they
were opposed? I say it is not. Where
does the gentleman from Alabama get his
information as to how this information
was sent to the committee? I have no
doubt he got it from the chief of staff
of the army, Gen. Wood. He could not
get it from any other source, or from
the Secretary of War.

Preferred by Committee.

"I want to say that this bill, every line
of it, was prepared by the committee on
military affairs, and I want to give to
Gen. Ainsworth, the adjutant general of
the army, the credit for having advised
me when I went to him and asked him
for advice. The army has no better of-
ficer than Gen. Ainsworth. If he has been
relieved from duty in connection with this
bill or its preparation it is a great in-
justice to one of the best accomplished
officers and one of the best men of the
government service. The gentleman from
Alabama, whose patriotism seems to con-
sist of arousing the fears of the people
of this country against the people of
other countries, and who is inclined to
expressing his opinion on the Chau-
tous platform and being absent from
the House, says that we are inclined to
railroad this legislation through the
House. Why this bill has been under
consideration nearly two weeks,
and a part of that time the gentleman
I presume, has been away, as he usually
is, and has not known what was going
on.

There were some further exchanges on
the Ainsworth affair and then the House
quieted down. But undoubtedly mem-
bers of the House, most of whom consider
Gen. Ainsworth a remarkably efficient of-
ficer, will follow further proceedings
against him with the greatest interest.

Lecture on 'Great Stone Monuments.'

Dr. J. Walter Powkes is to deliver a
lecture on "Great Stone Monuments" be-
fore the Anthropological Society of Wash-
ington next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock
in the auditorium of the New National
Museum. The lecture will be illustrated
with lantern views, and will be open to
the public.

NOT READY TO AGREE

Railways Delay Recognition of
High Step Pleas.

WOMEN STILL AGITATING

Collection of Information for Use
in Backing Appeal to Railway
Commission.

"A little premature," was the charac-
terization today by Clarence King, president
of the Washington Railway and Electric
Company, commenting on a statement
that the women's committee organized a
fight for lower steps on street cars had
been advised that the sixty-seven street
cars destroyed by fire last Sunday morn-
ing in the barn at 13th and D streets
northeast will be replaced by steps suffi-
ciently low to satisfy all the women of
Washington, and that at a meeting yes-
terday afternoon of the executive com-
mittee of the Washington Railway and
Electric Company a petition to that ef-
fect was considered.

King explained today that although
the question was called up for consider-
ation at the meeting, the officials had not
taken any definite action. The matter is
now before the district electric railway
commission and will be submitted to the
interstate commerce commission, he said.
"Until then the company will do nothing
regarding the high step. Several new
makes of cars are being considered by
the railway officials, and he said it is too
early to form any opinion.

Despite this the women's committee,
which thought it had victory in its grasp,
is undismayed.

Collection of Evidence.

While the committee is waiting for the
report of the district electric railway
commission the members are taking first-
hand evidence against the high steps, and
several women have surprised conductors
and passengers by stooping down to
measure the car steps with a carpenter's
rule, making careful note of the height
of the step and the number of the car.
Many of the measurements showed that
the new car steps exceed eighteen in-
ches in height.

This is an entirely new move on the
part of the women, and one that prom-
ises to be more effective than the peti-
tion, as it brings the question squarely
before the traveling public, and there is
no exit of escape for the railroad officials,
whose cars are checked by the aid of the
carpenter's rule. One man gave some
measurements of steps marked on his
cane, and the measurements showed that
the step exceeded sixteen inches, which
the committee claims is high enough
for any woman to step.

Surprise to Management.

Surprise was expressed by President
Hamilton of the Capital Traction Com-
pany and President King of the Wash-
ington Railway and Electric Company
that conductors on their lines had not re-
ported the complaints of getting on and
off the cars. This has led the committee
to issue instructions to the women to
complain to the conductors at every op-
portunity when they experience difficulty
from the height of steps. This, they
assert, will cause the passengers to take
notice of the complaints and do much to
bring up the question in favor of the
movement for reform.

A Seattle, Wash., woman reported
that the committee there is sending a
city are supplied with hooks near the
rear platform so that mothers may hang
their folding baby cars on them.
While the Washington women have
never expressed a desire for this con-
venience, they use it as a proof of
what companies in other cities are
doing for their passengers and to show
that continuous complaints have their
effect.

Several hundred names have been
attached to the petitions since the
hearing before the District electric
railway commission, and the women
are exerting every effort to gather
evidence against the high steps. The
movement on the part of the women
has not been without its humorous
side and Valentine's day is being cele-
brated by the women's committee in
each mail.

Sample Valentine.

This is one of the many received by
Miss Elizabeth Brown and others of
the committee:

"The step was eighteen inches high.
The maiden five feet two;
Her dress was yard round the hem.
She wailed, 'What can I do?'

"No man can know the awful woe
Of this hobble skirt of mine.
Oh, you little devils, I'll be true
I'll be your valentine."

But, although the committee thor-
oughly sympathizes with the wearers
of the hobble skirt, they want it pub-
licly known that they do not object
to the high step on street cars on
grounds made possible by the fads of
fashion. They claim that the wearers
of the hobble skirt who object to the
high step on these grounds represent
but a small minority of the women
who are demanding a greater conveni-
ence.

WILL BE STUBBORN FIGHT
OVER ILLITERACY TEST

Dillingham General Immigration
Bill Taken Up for Consid-
eration in Senate.

That there is to be a stubborn fight
in the Senate over the literacy test pro-
vision to be placed in the general immi-
gration laws was indicated in the Senate
yesterday afternoon, when the Dillingham
general immigration bill, based on the
recommendations of the immigration
commission and revising generally the im-
migration laws, was under consideration.

The bill was taken up for committee
action yesterday afternoon on the
motion of Senator Lodge, chairman of
the Senate committee on immigration,
and many of the committee changes
were adopted. But when one affecting the
illiteracy test was reached, Senator Lodge
forewarned the fight it would precipitate
and asked that a vote on it be taken at a later
date.

Senator Simmons of North Carolina in-
tends to offer an amendment providing
a different test than that favored by the
committee, and he will make an extended
speech on it.

Senator Sherman has submitted an
amendment increasing the head tax from
\$4 to \$10, and another proposing that a
surplus in the immigration fund collected
from incoming foreigners shall be given
to the states and territories for the sup-
port of their "farm life" in the United
States and boys are to receive instruction to
prepare them for agricultural pursuits.

Another amendment of the police force
by other senators and the bill is in for
lengthy consideration.

Sues for Limited Divorce.

Mary J. Waters has instituted suit for
limited divorce against her husband,
Francis A. Waters. In the petition filed
through attorneys Wilton J. Lambert and
R. H. Yeatman, the plaintiff alleges that
her husband deserted her on the 5th of
February, leaving her penniless and
without means of support. It is alleged
that he is a member of the police force
of the District and is earning \$100 per
month. His wife seeks maintenance
and alimony, and the commissioners set
a hearing for the suit on Wednesday
at 10 o'clock, as a date to hear the
plaintiff's case, and the bill is in for
lengthy consideration.

Parker-Briggs & Co.

The Avenue at Ninth Street.

THE "P-B" Midwinter Sale has "made
good," delivered "the message to
Garcia," as it were—with men who
know and appreciate the GENUINE in style and
value when it comes to clothes. With lots of winter
on the way and the blizzard of last March in mind
these sale values in "P-B" Suits and Overcoats
will draw you here tomorrow.

Remember the "P-B" Guarantee of abso-
lute satisfaction—always.

\$15.00 Suits marked for this \$9.75
sale, special.

\$18 and \$20 "P-B" Suits. Selling
special.

\$12.75

\$25.00 Cleverly Designed P-B
Suits. Special.

\$14.75

Overcoats, \$18 and
\$20 values, selling,

\$12.25

Overcoats, regularly
worth \$25.00, selling,

\$16.25

\$30 and \$35 Over-
coats. Clearance Sale
special,

\$20.50

Exactly one-half price. Read this list:
One hundred broken lots—odds and ends in Boys' Suits, sizes
8 to 16.

Also one-half price on entire line of Overcoats—School
Overcoats, sizes 13 to 15. Juvenile O'Coats, sizes 2 1/2 to 5.

\$6.00 Suits and \$7.50 Suits and
O'Coats. O'Coats.

\$3.00 \$3.75

\$10.00 Suits and \$12.50 Suits and
O'Coats. O'Coats.

\$5.00 \$6.25

Boys' Suits, Straight Pants,
Greatly Reduced.

ONE LOT—Suits
worth \$8.50. Special
at

\$2.25

\$1.00 and \$1.50
Wash Vests for
boys. Special.

19c

Ages 9 to 14.

\$1 ROUGH RIDER
SUITS.

39c

Ages 3, 4, 5, 10 and
12.

Odds and Ends in
Boys' Furnishings.

Unusually good values—real bargains here
for mothers in Boys' Furnishings.

30c SILK NECK-
WEAR.

This is for Satur-
day only.
Splendid values in
Boys' Blouses, Un-
derwear, etc.

Hats at 50c.

ANOTHER LOT—
Suits worth \$10 and
\$12.50. Special at

\$2.75

\$2.00 Worsteds Vests
for boys 9 to 12.
Special.

50c

\$1.00 and \$1.50
Knickerbockers for
boys at 79c

\$1.75 and \$2.00
Knickerbockers

\$1.23

Tommyhawk Hose,
20c the pr. 6 prs. for
\$1.00

All sizes except 9
and 9 1/2.

Rummage sale of Children's \$1.50 50c

Final Clearance

Famous Teck Shoes.

1st Lot.

Up to \$4.00 Teck Shoes
—practically all leath-
ers, in sizes 8 to 10 1/2.
Sale price.

\$1.95

2d Lot.

Up to \$5.00 Teck Shoes
—full line of sizes, all
leathers. Selling for
clearance.

\$2.45

JUDGE LANNING DIES
FROM HEART TROUBLE

Was to Have Sat in Govern-
ment Suit Against United
States Steel Company.

TRENTON, N. J., February 16.—United
States Circuit Court Judge William M.
Lanning died at his home in this city
today from heart trouble.

Judge Lanning was to have sat with
Circuit Court Judges Gray and Buffington
in the government suit against the
United States Steel Corporation and its
subsidiaries. He was sixty-three
years old. He had been ill for several
weeks. It was believed he was suffering
from a nervous breakdown and it was
thought with rest he would recover.
Heart trouble developed, however, and
his condition became serious.

Served in Congress.

Judge Lanning's family had been not-
ified of his serious condition and were
prepared for the worst. Judge Lanning
had been a circuit court judge since
1908. Prior to that he was a federal dis-
trict court judge. He served one term
in Congress, being elected in 1902.

Judge Lanning was prominent in the
affairs of the Presbyterian Church and
was a member of the board of trustees
of the general assembly of that denom-
ination. He was a director of Princeton
Theological Seminary and a trustee of the
Lawrenceville School.

ROAD HEARING IS OFF

Need of Highway to Great
Falls First to Be Decided.

REDISTRICTING IS OPPOSED

Montgomery County Commissioners
Hold Taxation Would Be
Inequitable.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

ROCKVILLE, Md., February 16, 1912.

The county commissioners have ap-
pointed W. Vincent Magruder, M. Donald-
son Knight and Perrie E. Waters a com-
mission to determine whether the public
convenience requires the opening of a
road from Chevy Chase Circle to Great